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LONDON FOR TERESITA C. SCHAFER

1. FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PHILIPPINE' S PRESIDENT MARCOS
TO PRESIDENT NIXON RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT MARCH 14:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: MAY I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO
INVITE YOUR ATTENTION TO A MATTER THAT MAY HAVE ESCAPED
NOTICE, ONE THAT CONCERNS THE MATERIAL WELFARE NOT
DIRECTLY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS MUCH AS OF THE POORER
COUNTRIES OF OUR REGION. I REFER PARTICULARLY TO
THE MEETING IN LONDON, ON MARCH 15 AND 16, OF COUNTRIES
WHICH ARE POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS TO THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT
BANK SPECIAL FUND FOR CONCESSIONAL LOANS, TO WHICH
THE UNITED STATES WILL BE SENDING AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MR. PRESIDENT, MAY I URGE YOU
MOST EARNESTLY TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS TO YOUR DELEGATION
TO COMMIT THE POSITIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO THE
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BANK'S EFFORTS TO REPLENISH ITS SPECIAL FUND RESOURCES. WHILE OUR COUNTRY HAS NOT BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL BENEFICIARY OF THESE RESOURCES, WE RECOGNIZE THE VERY REAL IMPACT THAT THESE LENDING OPERATIONS HAVE HAD OTHER DEVELOPING MEMBER- COUNTRIES OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THESE LENDING OPERATIONS WILL BE GRAVELY

IMPAIRED, UNLESS THE SUPPORT OF POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS, SUCH AS YOUR COUNTRY, CAN BE FIRMLY SECURED AT THE LONDON MEETING.

IT IS WITH THIS, AND WITH OUR OBLIGATIONS AS HOST COUNTRY, IN MIND, THAT I NOW ASK THE SUPPORT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT IN THIS MATTER. IN CLOSING, MR. PRESIDENT, MAY I REMAIN CONFIDENT THAT WE SHALL BOTH CONTINUE TO SERVE THE CAUSES AND AMBITIONS OF ASIA, A REGION REGARDING WHICH YOU HAVE SHOWN CONSUMMATE KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION. MANILA, MARCH 3, 1973. UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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